

from the railroad. I remember seeing long lines of Pacific Fruit Exchange refrigerator cars pass by. Maybe "PF" should be considered a "railroad" perfin. Mail could be posted by representatives at any stop along the route.

W.A. Smetsers (L101) answered several of the questions posed by Marty O'Grady in "The Story of My Perfinned 25 Gld. Netherlands East Indies Stamp," *TPB*, February, 1996, pp. 29-31.

Answers: The stamp was mainly used to cover heavy airmail letters/covers.

Year 1941: The weight of the letter had to be: 185 grs. Postage for letters abroad was 15 cents per 20 grs the air mail rate was 65 cents for 5 grs.

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| | 9 x 15 = | 135 cents |
| | 37 x 65 = | 2405 cents |
| registered mail | | <u>20 cents</u> |
| Total | | 2560 cents |

Year 1942: The weight of the letter had to be 140 grs. Postage for letters abroad 15 cents for 20 grs, air mail rate 85 cents for 5 grs.

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| | 7 x 15 = | 105 cents |
| | 20 x 85 = | 2380 cents |
| registered mail | | <u>20 cents</u> |
| | | 2505 cents |

These are a few examples for the use of a 25 Gld. stamp. The routes of the letter sent abroad are various. I have just received the official bulletin *Philatelie*, March 1996, from the Netherlands Philatelic Society. In this issue there is a very interesting article about the various airmail routes from and to the Netherlands Indies 1939-1942. The article contains descriptions of the various routes and letters to various destinations are shown.

Conclusion: It's very well possible that the 25 Gld. stamp is genuine and was used to cover airmail postage.

Letters from members

Dave Ribble (#3290) provided this comment on Jacob Kisner's, "The Mystery of Perfin Pattern P82" *The Perfins Bulletin*, March 1996, p. 47. Campbell, California was a prune and apricot growing area when I was a boy. There were canneries and a dehydrator in town. Our house was just two blocks

Dick Mewhinney (LM60) has changed his internet address to neverin@cencom.net. Dick reports that he has sent e-mail with this change to all Perfin Club members listed in *The Perfins Bulletin*, March 1996, pp. 44-45.

And on the same subject, here are a few more corrections of INTERNET addresses: